

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Call to Order: Chair Art Wittich, on March 9, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 152 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Ellie Boldman Hill, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Kirk Wagoner, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Seth Berglee (R)
Rep. Bill Harris (R)
Rep. Denise Hayman (D)
Rep. Tom Jacobson (D)
Rep. Jessica Karjala (D)
Rep. Forrest Mandeville (R)
Rep. Albert Olszewski (R)
Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr (D)
Rep. Alan Redfield (R)
Rep. Vince Ricci (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Art Wittich, Chair (R)
Rep. Alan Doane (R)
Rep. Jennifer Eck (D)
Rep. Stephanie Hess (R)
Rep. Carolyn Pease-Lopez (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Sue O'Connell, Legislative Branch
Phoebe Williams, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 276, 2/24/2015; SB 277, 2/24/2015; SJ 9, 2/24/2015

HEARING ON SB 277

00:00:25 Vice Chair Wagoner Assumed the Chair

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:48 Sen. Roger Webb (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on SB 277, Revise laws related to DPHHS personal assistance services information collection.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:18 Rose Hughes, Montana Health Care Association

[EXHIBIT\(huh48a01\)](#)

00:04:18 Rep. Hess and Rep. Doane joined the meeting

00:06:13 Chairman Wittich joined the meeting

00:07:33 Bill Woody, Consumer Direct Personal Care

00:08:54 John Metropoulos, AWARE

00:09:29 Mike Mayer, Summit Independent Living Center

[EXHIBIT\(huh48a02\)](#)

00:12:33 Travis Hoffman, Summit Independent Living Center

[EXHIBIT\(huh48a03\)](#)

00:17:50 Bob Maffit, Montana Independent Living Project

00:20:32 Katie Spaid, Consumer Direct Personal Care and Nightingale Nursing

[EXHIBIT\(huh48a04\)](#)

00:22:07 Tom Osborn, North-Central Independent Living Service

Opponents' Testimony:

00:23:23 Jessica Rhoades, Department of Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

00:28:51 Jacquie Helt, SEIU Healthcare 775

00:31:29 Lynn Holman, Self

00:33:47 Winnie Schafer, Self

00:35:46 Nancy Malone Pernigotti, Self

00:39:11 Ashley Arnold, Self

00:40:51 Jeremy Roccaforte, Self

00:41:26 Jeff Wood, Self

00:41:44 Connie Sharp, Self

00:42:02 Celeste Thompson, Self

00:42:20 Vivian Copple, Self

00:42:41 Patrick Roe, Self

00:42:59 Molly Moody, Montana Home Care Fight for 15

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:43:38 Rep. Hayman

00:44:35 Jessica Rhoades, DPHHS

00:45:06 Rep. Hayman

00:45:17 Jessica Rhoades, DPHHS

00:45:27 Rep. Hayman
00:45:43 Jessica Rhoades, DPHHS
00:46:52 Rep. Karjala
00:47:22 Jacquie Helt, SEIU Healthcare 775
00:47:58 Rep. Karjala
00:48:10 Jacquie Helt, SEIU Healthcare 775
00:48:55 Rep. Karjala
00:49:35 Jacquie Helt, SEIU Healthcare 775
00:49:59 Rep. Mandeville
00:50:46 Jessica Rhoades, DPHHS
00:50:55 Rep. Mandeville
00:51:22 Jessica Rhoades, DPHHS
00:51:55 Rep. Mandeville
00:52:14 Jessica Rhoades, DPHHS
00:52:42 Rep. Hill
00:53:12 Jessica Rhoades, DPHHS
00:53:31 Rep. Hill
00:53:35 Jessica Rhoades, DPHHS
00:53:42 Rep. Hill
00:54:21 Travis Hoffman, Summit Independent Living Center
00:54:49 Rep. Hill
00:55:08 Jessica Rhoades, DPHHS
00:55:35 Rep. Wagoner
00:55:47 Rep. Hill
00:55:58 Jessica Rhoades, DPHHS
00:56:20 Rep. Jacobson
00:56:51 Jessica Rhoades, DPHHS
00:57:16 Bill Woody, Consumer Direct Personal Care
00:57:49 Rep. Jacobson
00:58:04 Bill Woody, Consumer Direct Personal Care
00:59:22 Rep. Karjala
01:00:05 Jessica Rhoades, DPHHS
01:00:14 Rep. Karjala
01:00:27 Jessica Rhoades, DPHHS
01:00:43 Rep. Wittich
01:00:49 Molly Moody, MT Health Care Fight for 15
01:01:20 Rep. Wittich
01:01:25 Molly Moody, MT Health Care Fight for 15
01:01:42 Rep. Wittich
01:01:57 Jacquie Helt, SEIU Healthcare 75
01:02:17 Rep. Wittich
01:03:09 Jessica Rhoades, DPHHS
01:03:38 Rep. Wittich
01:04:21 Jessica Rhoades, DPHHS
01:04:42 Rep. Harris
01:05:46 Jessica Rhoades, DPHHS
01:06:05 Rep. Harris
01:06:47 Jessica Rhoades, DPHHS
01:06:57 Rep. Harris
01:07:15 Jessica Rhoades, DPHHS

01:08:09 Rep. Harris
01:08:25 Jessica Rhoades, DPHHS
01:08:41 Rep. Hill
01:09:18 Rose Hughes, MT Health Care Association
01:10:55 Rep. Wagoner
01:11:38 Mike Mayer, Summit Independent Living Center

Closing by Sponsor:

01:12:16 Sen. Webb

HEARING ON SB 276

01:15:30 Chairman Wittich took back the chair.

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:15:49 Sen. Roger Webb (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on SB 276, Establish directory of medicaid personal care services in Montana.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:18:24 Bill Woody, Consumer Direct Personal Care
01:18:55 Mike Mayer, Summit Independent Living Center
01:19:30 Travis Hoffman, Summit Independent Living Center
01:21:06 Bob Maffit, Montana Independent Living Project
01:22:40 Rose Hughes, Montana Health Care Association
01:25:50 Katie Spaid, Nightingale Nursing and Consumer Direct
01:26:23 Tom Osborn, North Central Independent Living Services
01:26:56 Claudia Clifford, AARP Montana

Opponents' Testimony:

01:28:31 Jessica Rhoades, Department of Health and Human Services (DPHHS)
01:28:55 Jacquie Helt, SEIU Healthcare 775

Informational Testimony: None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:29:15 Rep. Hill
01:30:52 Rose Hughes, Montana Health Care Association
01:31:48 Rep. Hill
01:32:09 Rose Hughes, Montana Health Care Association
01:32:29 Rep. Hill
01:32:37 Rose Hughes, Montana Health Care Association
01:33:04 Rep. Hill
01:33:31 Bill Woody, Consumer Direct Personal Care
01:34:52 Rep. Karjala
01:36:05 Jacquie Helt, SEIU Healthcare 775
01:36:13 Rep. Mandeville
01:36:46 Jessica Rhoades, DPHHS
01:37:19 Chairman Wittich
01:37:46 Rose Hughes, Montana Health Care Association
01:38:08 Chairman Wittich

01:38:42 Jacquie Helt, SEIU Healthcare 775
01:39:03 Chairman Wittich
01:40:07 Sen. Webb

Closing by Sponsor:

01:40:18 Sen. Webb

HEARING ON SJ 9

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:42:00 Sen. John Brenden (R), SD 17, opened the hearing on SJ 9, Resolution on medicare/medicaid expansion.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

01:49:10 Joy Bruck, AARP Montana

[EXHIBIT\(huh48a05\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(huh48a06\)](#)

01:53:25 Amanda Harrow, Montana Primary Care Association
01:55:41 Kim Abbott, Montana Human Rights Network
01:56:53 Jacquie Helt, SEIU Healthcare 775
01:57:12 Robin Turner, Montana Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:57:42 Rep. Karjala
01:58:17 Joy Bruck, AARP
01:59:20 Rep. Karjala
01:59:39 Joy Bruck, AARP
01:59:59 Rep. Karjala
02:00:18 Joy Bruck, AARP
02:01:05 Rep. Karjala
02:01:56 Joy Bruck, AARP
02:02:04 Chairman Wittich
02:02:48 Joy Bruck, AARP
02:03:01 Chairman Wittich
02:03:36 Joy Bruck, AARP
02:03:44 Chairman Wittich
02:03:56 Joy Bruck, AARP
02:04:28 Chairman Wittich
02:05:09 Amanda Harrow, Montana Primary Care Association
02:05:57 Chairman Wittich
02:06:10 Amanda Harrow, Montana Primary Care Association

Closing by Sponsor:

02:06:38 Sen. Brenden
02:09:48 Chairman Wittich

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 02:11:08

Phoebe Williams, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([huh48aad.pdf](#))